



Reissue 09/677421 (US Patent 5,600,672) Division Reissue of 09/244,037 and Reissue of 08/240521

Note: All claims must be examined. There is no presumption of validity attached to the claims which were previously issued in the parent. Applicant has surrendered the claims in the filing of the Reissue application. The following cited points correspond to the items listed in the checklist and are provided as an aid to the reissue examination process. Please retain this note in the file wrapper to expedite the review process after allowance. Please remember to wand all cases (particularly the issued parent) so that they can be located.

The preliminary amendment and request for transfer of drawings are missing (See the reissue transmittal sheet which states that the above papers are filed. Please call up the applicants to fax you a copy of those papers).

(Item 1). The parent file is charged to you. This application is a divisional of reissue 09/244037 (MPEP 1451). Please review the prosecution history of the parent file prior to issuing an office action. Please retain the parent file with you and upon allowance of the reissue application, please return the parent file with the reissue application for final review by the SPRE.

(Item 6). There are several reissue applications relating to the parent application. Please check for any double patenting. Also, please see item 6 on the Reissue guide and MPEP 1451 for cross-referencing in this and other applications.

(Items 12/13). Please check for any "recapture" claimed subject matter in 5,600,672 and 09/244037.

(Item 14). Applicants have submitted an offer to surrender original Patent. The original Patent must be surrendered prior to allowance. Please include the above statement (or FP 14.15.01) in your office acton so that the prosecution can be expedited if the applicant submits the original Patent with the next communication.

(Item 17). Although applicants have requested transfer of drawings from the parent (note that the paper is missing, but they have requested in other applications), inform the applicants that they have made similar requests in all the other pending reissue/divisional reissue applications. Therefore, the drawings will be transfered to only one reissue 09/244037 and hence formal drawings will be required in this case.

(Item 19). Once applicants faxes you the preliminary amendment, please have the preliminary amendment and the information disclosure statements entered. Additionally, the amendment requesting the changes in the specification in the preliminary amendmennts of other related applications were improper because The entire text must be underlined. Please check the preliminary amendment in your case once it is received.

(Misc) Please make sure that every reference listed in the Original Patent is also cited either on a PTO-892 or PTO-1449 prior to allowance.

Thank you
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